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465 S. KING STREET, #103 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813 September 23, 2005

Via electronic mail

Dear Act 95 Workshop Participant:

Re: Act 95, 2004 Hawaii Session Laws Workshop II – October 3 - 4, 2005 Technical Workshop – October 5, 2005

The Commission is organizing a one-day technical workshop for a small group of stakeholders to discuss the technical details, methodology, and assumptions used for the planned computer simulations of the electric power production in Hawaii. The goals of the technical workshop are to describe and gather comments on how the Renewable Portfolio Standards in Hawaii, the alternative regulatory regimes overseeing it, and candidate renewable energy resources can be modeled in a series of planned market simulations. This technical meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 5, 2005** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the State Capitol, Room Numbers 325 and 329. If you are interested in participating and have not already done so, please contact Catherine Awakuni to advise whether you would like to participate in this technical workshop.

Enclosed is a technical paper describing, among other things, the software tools, scenarios, geographic scope, base year, study period, special modeling routines, and the modeling of candidate renewable energy resources in Hawaii. We hope that this paper will serve as a starting point for collaborative discussions on the various assumptions and methodologies that will be employed by the Commission's consultant, Economists Incorporated. If you would like to respond in writing to the technical paper, please send your comments to Catherine P. Awakuni, Commission Counsel, via U.S. mail at 465 South King Street, Room 103, Honolulu, HI 96813, via facsimile at (808) 586-2066, or via electronic mail at Catherine.P.Awakuni@hawaii.gov. Alternatively, you may bring your comments with you to the technical workshop.

We look forward to working with you on this important task.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

¹We will arrange for light refreshments during the short breaks that we will take during the day. Lunch will be on your own during a lunch break. We recommend that you bring a light jacket, as the rooms may again be cool.